

College Station

January/February Events

1/1	Aggies vs. Tennessee - Cotton Bowl, Dallas 10 a.m.
1/3	New Year's Day Observed (City offices closed)
1/ 3-5	College Station ISD Staff Development Days (Student Holiday)
1/8	Christmas Tree Recycling Central Park, 1 - 5 p.m.
1/12	Senior Computer Club, 9 a.m., 764-6371
1/13	City Council Meeting 2 p.m. Workshop 7 p.m. Regular Meeting
1/15	Musical Tribute & MLK Celebration, Lincoln Center 6:30 pm, 764-3779
1/17	Martin Luther King Holiday (City offices closed)
1/27	City Council Meeting 3 p.m. Workshop 7 p.m. Regular Meeting
1/18	TAMU Spring Semester Begins
1/ 21-29	24th Annual Texas Public Pool Conference, 764-3540
1/26	Senior Computer Club, 9 a.m. 764-6371
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2/10	City Council Meeting 2 p.m. Workshop 7 p.m. Regular Meeting
2/11	CSISD Student Holiday
2/12	Brazos Animal Shelter 1/2 Price Valentine Adoptions, 775-5755

Preparing for a Cold Winter's Night

January and February are typically the coldest months in College Station. Although the area does not usually see extended periods of extreme cold, the possibility of brief cold snaps is always present, bringing with it the opportunity for household fires, frozen pipes and damaged landscaping. Here are a few tips to help you enjoy the weather instead of falling victim to it.

Home Safety

- Brrr - the temperature outside is dropping and it is starting to get a little chilly inside as well. Use common sense when heating your home.
- Keep portable and space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn, and remember to check cords to make sure they haven't been damaged during summer storage months.
- Cooking is a fun and delicious way to warm up the kitchen, but it's easy to get burned, too. Declare a three-foot "kid-free zone" around the stove.
- Fireplaces offer a delightful way to warm a room on a cold night, but be sure to have a secure fireplace screen in place to keep embers out of the room. Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving home or going to bed.
- Best bets: **Smoke alarms** - one of the best fire-safety items for the home. 70% of all home fire fatalities occur in homes where there are no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years. **Carbon monoxide detectors.** While

this item won't help keep your loved ones safe from *fire*, it's something you should consider for home safety. Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas formed when fuels such as natural gas, oil and wood burn incompletely.

Outdoor Ideas

Trees and grass covered with frost are a beautiful site. Broken pipes, freezing pets and damages landscapes aren't so pleasant. Here are a few useful tips to keep the winter weather from damaging your home and yard.

- Wrap exterior faucets. Inexpensive foam covers are available at most home improvement and garden stores. Need something fast? Use a thick towel and heavy tape to wrap the faucet and exposed pipes.
- Make sure trees and shrubs are well watered a few days before a hard freeze is expected. This will help the plant survive the freeze. Don't spray the branches with water during the freeze. It might look pretty, but can break branches and damage the plant.



- When the temperature falls below 20°F, you need to keep all of your pets indoors. If you can't bring them inside, consider a snug doghouse with the door turned away from the wind and covered with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic. Check their water to make sure it doesn't freeze. Animals can't burn calories without water, and if they can't burn calories they can't keep warm.



CITY OF COLLEGE STATION





Ask the City

Do you have a question about the City of College Station?
Each month we'll check with our experts for the answers.

Q. I like to recycle. Does the City have a program and, if so, how does it work?

A. Recycling collection is provided weekly, on the same day as Bulky Items and Clean Green Brush collections. Residents place recyclable materials on the edge of the curb by 8 a.m. Please use the clear recycling plastic bags that are provided, as other color bags will not be collected. To order more bags, use the yellow sticker and place on one of the full recycling bags, or call Public Works at 764-3690 or Texas Commercial Waste at 775-7171. Newspapers and magazines (*may be placed together in the same bag*), aluminum and steel food cans (*may be placed together in the same bag*), clear and brown glass, #1 and #2 clear and translucent plastic bottles and jugs (*soft drink/water bottles, milk/water jugs*) and lead acid car batteries.

Send questions to: City of College Station Public Communications, 1101 Texas Avenue, College Station, TX 77842; or email pjett@cstx.gov. Questions can also be faxed to 764-6258 or call 764-3445.

College Station Cops are Tops

College Station's Police Department recently achieved Law Enforcement reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

The department is one of only 22 police departments in Texas to be "Law Enforcement" accredited. CSPD is also one of only two agencies in the state of Texas to have obtained both "Law Enforcement" and "Communications" Accreditation.

In August, a team of assessors arrived to examine all aspects of the department. They reviewed the department's policies and procedures, management, operations and support services.

The program has 446 standards which reflect the best professional requirements and practices for a law enforcement agency. Verification that CSPD met the Commission's state-of-the-art standards was part of the voluntary process to gain accreditation - a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.



Retiring Police Chief Ed Feldman

Be informed, get involved and stay tuned to Channel 19



The City of College Station's government access cable channel has a new look for 2005, with a news magazine format featuring special events, new programs and items of interest to our citizens joining the lineup.

"City View", the show named by Carol Roach in a contest among City employees, debuts in December under its new name with host Charlie Haldeman. It is scheduled daily at 2:30 am/pm, 6:30 am/pm, 10:30 am/pm and 12:30 am/pm.

City Council and Planning & Zoning meetings are broadcast live each week, then rebroadcast

daily at 7 am (P&Z) and 7 pm (Council). Military news supplied by the Navy/Marines, Army and Air Force are on the programming schedule, along with videos furnished by Texas A & M University, the George Bush Presidential Library and Blinn College.

In accordance with Council's commitment to improving communication with College Station citizens, plans call for additional programming to be added in 2005. Council also approved plans to add streaming video on the City website in 2005, extending access of CSTV Channel 19 beyond the cable system.